dustrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) during the financial year 1991-92 to Kerala would be available only after the close of the financial year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Financial Assistance for Construction of Sitamarhi-Mithamore Road in Bihar

5292. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sitamarhi-Mithamore road in Bihar was damaged at Kumman, Pipradhi, Nauahi, Sursand Harri and Mithamore and the bridges thereon were collapsed due to devastating floods in 1987;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance from the Central Road Fund for construction of the aforesaid road; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As Ministry is constitutionally responsible for maintenance of National Highways only, it is not aware whether this State Road Sitamarhi-Mithamore was damaged at Kumman, Pipradhi, Nauahi, Sursand Harri and Mithamore, and the bridges thereon had collapsed due to floods in 1987.

(b) and (c). A proposal from Government of Bihar for widening and strengthening of Sitamarhi-Sursand-Mithamore Road (30Km) costing Rs. 300.00 lakhs has been received as a Central Road Fund Scheme. As actual augmentation of the Central Road Fund has not yet taken place, it has not been possible to process the proposal for approval.

[*English*]

Offer from an Industrial Group to Ease Balance of Payments Position

5293. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any industrial group has offered to help to ease the tight balance of payments position;

(b) if so, the amount of credit offered and the terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Projects from Kerala Pending Clearance

5294. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and schemes proposed by the Government of Kerala pending for clearance; and

(b) the action taken by the Government in each case so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b).